

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

Internal application No.
PCT/SG 02/00060

CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC⁷: G06K 9/00; G06K 9/32; G06K 9/46

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

IPC⁷: G06K

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)

Wpi, epodoc, paj

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

| Category | Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages | Relevant to claim No. |
|----------|--|-----------------------|
| A | EP 0806739 A (Lucent) 12 November 1997 (12.11.97) <i>claim 1, summary, fig. 1-3.</i> | 1-7,20-27,37 |
| A | US 6072894 A (Payne) 6 June 2000 (06.06.00) <i>claims 9,10,17; fig. 3,5,6.</i> | 1,20,37 |
| A | US 6345109 B1 (Nagao) 5 February 2002 (05.02.02) <i>claims 1-3.</i> | 1,20,37 |
| A | US 5991429 A (Ingram Darley) 23 November 1999 (23.11.99) <i>claims 2-5; fig. 1-8.</i> | 1,20,37 |
| | ---- | |

☐ Further documents are listed in the continuation of Box C.☒ See patent family annex.

* Special categories of cited documents:

- ..A.. document defining the general state of the art which is not considered to be of particular relevance
- ..E.. earlier application or patent but published on or after the international filing date
- ..L.. document which may throw doubts on priority claim(s) or which is cited to establish the publication date of another citation or other special reason (as specified)
- ..O.. document referring to an oral disclosure, use, exhibition or other means
- ..P.. document published prior to the international filing date but later than the priority date claimed

- ..T.. later document published after the international filing date or priority date and not in conflict with the application but cited to understand the principle or theory underlying the invention
- ..X.. document of particular relevance: the claimed invention cannot be considered novel or cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is taken alone
- ..Y.. document of particular relevance: the claimed invention cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is combined with one or more other such documents, such combination being obvious to a person skilled in the art
- ..&.. document member of the same patent family

Date of the actual completion of the international search

17 May 2002 (17.05.2002)

Date of mailing of the international search report

18 June 2002 (18.06.2002)

Name and mailing address of the ISA/AT

Austrian Patent Office
Kohlmarkt 8-10; A-1014 Vienna
Facsimile No. 1/53424/535

Authorized officer

MIHATSEK
Telephone No. 1/53424/329

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International application No.
PCT/SG 02/00060-0

| Patent document cited in search report | | | Publication date | Patent family member(s) | Publication date |
|---|----|---------|---------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|
| EP | A1 | 6739 | 09-01-1980 | AR A1 219611 | 29-08-1980 |
| EP | B1 | 6739 | 13-10-1982 | AT E 1636 | 15-10-1982 |
| | | | | AU A1 48321/79 | 03-01-1980 |
| | | | | AU B2 524976 | 14-10-1982 |
| | | | | BR A 7903951 | 04-03-1980 |
| | | | | CA A1 1118357 | 16-02-1982 |
| | | | | DE A1 2925087 | 10-01-1980 |
| | | | | DE C0 2963843 | 18-11-1982 |
| | | | | DK A 2632/79 | 24-12-1979 |
| | | | | DK B 156695 | 25-09-1989 |
| | | | | DK C 156695 | 05-02-1990 |
| | | | | ES A1 481841 | 16-06-1980 |
| | | | | ES A5 481841 | 15-07-1980 |
| | | | | FI A 791997 | 24-12-1979 |
| | | | | FI B 72427 | 27-02-1987 |
| | | | | FI C 72427 | 08-06-1987 |
| | | | | FR A1 2429016 | 18-01-1980 |
| | | | | FR B1 2429016 | 06-01-1984 |
| | | | | GB A1 2027419 | 20-02-1980 |
| | | | | GB B2 2027419 | 28-07-1982 |
| | | | | IE B 48159 | 17-10-1984 |
| | | | | IN A 151014 | 12-02-1983 |
| | | | | JP A2 55002699 | 10-01-1980 |
| | | | | JP B4 62054767 | 17-11-1987 |
| | | | | NL A 7904859 | 28-12-1979 |
| | | | | NO A 792103 | 28-12-1979 |
| | | | | NO B 155376 | 15-12-1986 |
| | | | | NO C 155376 | 25-03-1987 |
| | | | | NZ A 190824 | 27-04-1984 |
| | | | | PH A 15845 | 08-04-1983 |
| | | | | US A 4359456 | 16-11-1982 |
| | | | | ZA A 7903122 | 25-02-1981 |
| | | | | AT A 109/77 | 15-02-1983 |
| | | | | AT B 372278 | 26-09-1983 |
| | | | | AU A1 21205/77 | 20-07-1978 |
| | | | | AU B2 514801 | 26-02-1981 |
| | | | | CA A1 1115930 | 12-01-1982 |
| | | | | CH A 638097 | 15-09-1983 |
| | | | | GB A 1568831 | 04-06-1980 |
| | | | | IT A 1116608 | 10-02-1986 |
| | | | | NZ A 183032 | 06-07-1984 |
| | | | | PH A 14185 | 26-03-1981 |
| | | | | PH A 15188 | 10-09-1982 |
| US | A | 5991429 | 23-11-1999 | AU A1 54635/98 | 29-06-1998 |
| | | | | WO A1 9825229 | 11-06-1998 |
| US | A | 6072894 | 06-06-2000 | none | |
| US | BA | 6345109 | 05-02-2002 | JP A2 10171988 | 26-06-1998 |
| | | | | JP A2 10228543 | 25-08-1998 |